



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2875**  
Naoki MIDOH et al. : Docket No. 2002-0317A  
Serial No. 10/070,387 : Group Art Unit 1652  
Filed March 6, 2002 : Examiner David J. STEADMAN  
**CYCLIC DEPSIPEPTIDE SYNTHETASE : Mail Stop: RCE**  
**AND METHOD FOR RECOMBINANT**  
**PRODUCTION (amended)**

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 10, 2004 and in further response to the final Office Action dated July 23, 2004, the period for response having been extended for two months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continuation Examination hereby accompanies this response.